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By Shannon Morrissey on Feb 04, 2016 07:35 pm

On January 29, 2016, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM") and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ("BSEE"), agencies within the federal Department of the Interior ("DOI"), agreed to put a temporary moratorium on issuance of fracking permits in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf until environmental review is conducted. The temporary moratorium is ... [Continue Reading](#)

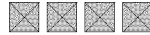


Updates to CEQA Guidelines for Transportation Impacts Analysis Under SB 743

By Juliet H. Cho on Feb 04, 2016 06:55 pm

On January 20, 2016, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research ("OPR") released a revised draft of thresholds for measuring transportation impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). These draft thresholds are designed to promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions ("GHG") pursuant to its mandate under Senate Bill 743 (Steinberg, 2013). The initial draft was released for review in August 2014. OPR's revised draft is fundamentally similar to its initial draft. In particular, under both drafts, the focus of a project's transportation impacts analysis under revised Guidelines would shift from analyzing the project's potential to increase traffic delays to the project's effects on GHG emissions by focusing on vehicle miles traveled ("VMT"). The CEQA Guidelines have always focused a project's potential transportation impacts analysis on the project's potential to increase traffic delays by analyzing the project's level of service (

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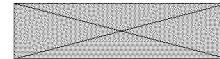
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